

# 33<sup>RD</sup> PGA WORKS COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 MEDIA GUIDE



## BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

Men's & Women's Teams  
PGA Golf Club | Port St. Lucie, Fla.



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### FACTS & FORMAT

The PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship is a 54-hole, stroke-play Championship consisting of four team divisions: NCAA Men's Division I, Men's Division II, Men's NAIA and an overall Women's division. In addition, there is an Individual Invitational competition for minority men and women players who are listed on the roster of their college team or are part of the PGA of America's PGA Golf Management University programs.

Participation in the Individual Invitational is not restricted to predominately minority-serving institutions. However, participants must be in one of the ethnic origins listed: African-American, Hispanic-American, Middle Eastern/North African, Native or Alaskan American, Asian or Pacific Island American

#### 2018 CHAMPIONS:

Women's Division	– Bethune-Cookman University
Men's Division I	– Bethune-Cookman University
Men's Division II	– Cal. State Univ.-Dominguez Hills
Men's Team NAIA	– University of Houston-Victoria
Women's Individual	– Linda Wang St. John's University
Men's Individual	– Nabeel Khan University of Connecticut

**Method of Play** Stroke play, three rounds of 18 holes. Competition will be held in the following divisions: Men's Division I, Division II and NAIA; Women and Independent Men's and Women's.

**Rules and Regulations** The Rules of Golf, which govern play, are determined by the United States Golf Association and applied by the PGA of America Board of Directors. The PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship is subject to the overall supervision of the PGA of America Rules Committee.

**Eligibility** Contestants must be students of a university or college, and who have met all the academic requirements of their respective institution governing participation in intercollegiate athletics.

**Education through Golf** The PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship originated in November 1986 following the Jackson State University Golf Tournament and has elevated golf in minority colleges and universities by providing opportunities to more players to compete in a national championship.

The organizational meeting in 1986 brought together a significant group of founders: Dr. Herschel Cochrane; Dr. Joe D. Saunders of the National Negro Golf Association; Jackson State University Golf Coach Eddie Payton; Rose Harper-Elder of the Sports Management Institute; and William (Bill) Dickey, founder of the Bill Dickey Scholarship Association and recipient of the 1999 PGA Distinguished Service Award. The goal of the founders was to provide a national stage for players from minority colleges and universities to compete in NCAA collegiate golf events.

The inaugural Championship was conducted in the spring of 1987 at Highland Park Golf Course in Cleveland. Since 1998, PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, has been host to the Championship.

In 1990, a Career Fair was conducted for the first time in conjunction with the national Championship, to provide corporate sponsors an opportunity to interview and recruit outstanding college students for future employment.

As a result, the Career Fair has developed into an invaluable resource to assist students in gaining internships and full-time positions within the golf industry.

In 2006, the PGA of America was granted complete ownership and management of the Championship by the National Minority Collegiate Golf Scholarship Fund. In 2008, the Championship featured a record number of participants, including nearly 200 students from 47 schools, with representatives from 14 countries.



PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., is home to the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship.

**PGA WORKS COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CHAMPIONS**

YEAR	DIVISION I	TOTAL SCORE	DIVISION II	TOTAL SCORE
1987	South Carolina State	600	Livingstone College	610
1988	South Carolina State	612	Livingstone College	635
1989	South Carolina State	629	Livingstone College	626
1990	Jackson State University	616	St. Augustine's College	625
1991	Jackson State University	614	St. Augustine's College	645
1992	Jackson State University	621	St. Augustine's College	641
1993	Jackson State University	600	St. Augustine's College	599
1994	Jackson State University	609	St. Augustine's College	631
1995	Jackson State University	875	Fayetteville State University	897
1996	Hampton University	754**	Fayetteville State University	743**
1997	Jackson State University	588*	Talladega (Ala.) College	593*
1998	Jackson State University	885	Kentucky State University	904
1999	Bethune-Cookman University	856	Lincoln University	906
2000	Florida A&M University	853	Kentucky State University	924
2001	Bethune-Cookman University	865	Lincoln University	904
2002	U. of Texas-Pan American	892	Lincoln University	914
2003	Bethune-Cookman University	844	Johnson & Wales University	853##
2004	Johnson & Wales University	842	Benedict College	970
2005	Tennessee State University	840##	Lincoln University	928
2006	U. of Texas-Pan American	877	Fayetteville State University	942
2007	U. of Texas-Pan American	870	Fayetteville State University	852
2008	Bethune-Cookman University	872	Fayetteville State University	873
2009	Tennessee State University	860	Fayetteville State University	858
2010	U. of Texas-Pan American	872	Morehouse College	906
2011	Bethune-Cookman University	887	Virginia State University	927
2012	U. of Texas-Pan American	904	Fayetteville State University	896
2013	Bethune-Cookman University	883	Lincoln University	898
2014	Bethune-Cookman University	884	Lincoln University	893
2015	Alabama State University	893	Cal State University	610
2016	Bethune-Cookman University	907***	Cal State Dominguez Hills	901
2017	Bethune-Cookman University	875	University of West Alabama	927
2018	Bethune-Cookman University	854	Cal State Dominguez Hills	914

NAIA DIVISION		TOTAL SCORE
2006	Johnson & Wales University	850
2007	Johnson & Wales University	867
2008	Johnson & Wales University	857
2009	Edward Waters College	992
2010	Talladega College	1050
2011	No Competition Contested	
2012	No Competition Contested	
2013	Talladega College	910
2014	University of Houston - Victoria	894
2015	Cal State Dominguez Hills	610
2016	University of Houston - Victoria	954
2017	University of Houston - Victoria	926
2018	University of Houston - Victoria	926

WOMEN'S DIVISION		TOTAL SCORE
1998	Bethune-Cookman College	970
1999	Hampton University	1128
2000	Bethune-Cookman College	932
2001	Bethune-Cookman College	933
2002	Bethune-Cookman College	967
2003	U. of Texas-Pan American	962
2004	U. of Texas-Pan American	955
2005	U. of Texas-Pan American	912##
2006	Bethune-Cookman College	961
2007	Bethune-Cookman College	913
2008	Bethune-Cookman College	918
2009	U. of Texas-Pan American	922
2010	Bethune-Cookman University	885
2011	U. of Texas-Pan American	921
2012	Bethune-Cookman University	916
2013	Bethune-Cookman University	909
2014	Bethune-Cookman University	904
2015	Bethune-Cookman University	879
2016	Bethune-Cookman University	897
2017	Bethune-Cookman University	889
2018	Bethune-Cookman University	903

\* Rain-shortened to 36 holes; \*\* Rain-shortened to 45 holes; \*\*\* Won on first playoff hole over Tennessee State University

Note: In 1994, titles were first awarded in separate divisions. The Championship format was extended to a 54-hole competition in 1995.

## - Championship 54-hole scoring record.

## SITE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

1987	Highland Park G.C., Cleveland, Ohio	2003	PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
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1994	Manakiki G.C., Willoughby Hills, Ohio	2010	PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
1995	Highland Park G.C., Cleveland, Ohio	2011	PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
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## 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

For Bethune Cookman University, it was yet another impressive example of a dynasty in cruise control at the 32nd PGA Minority Collegiate Championship at PGA Golf Club.

The Wildcats captured a record seventh-straight—and 15th overall—Women’s crown in collegiate golf’s most culturally significant Championship. Meanwhile, the Men’s team notched their third-consecutive PGA Minority Collegiate Championship and 10th title overall.

The teams from Daytona Beach rocketed right out of the gate and never let off the throttle throughout the 54 holes of competition. Paced by medalist Mackenzie Butzer who had a final round 1-under par 71 (70-75-71 216), the Bethune Cookman Women (297-307-299 903) defeated runner-up University of the Incarnate Word by 27 strokes on the Ryder Course. North Carolina A&T finished third, another seven strokes back.

“This is overwhelming,” said Butzer. “This is my last year, and I gave it all I had. I had fun and played easy. Everything seemed to be clicking.”

Meanwhile, the Bethune Cookman men (286-282-286 854) shot 10-under par for the Championship, winning by an amazing 57 strokes over Savannah State on the Wanamaker Course. The University of Incarnate Word placed third.

For Bethune Cookman, it was a three-day showcase of utmost command. After closing out the Championship on No. 18, the women’s team sprayed the men’s team with a water bottle shower that would have rivaled a dramatic victory celebration.

“It was so fun to see our student athletes end the season like this,” said Bethune Cookman Head Coach Danny Forshey.

The Bethune Cookman Men were led by medalist Marcus Sundlof, of Sweden (65-70-71 206), who bested his teammate Christian Hovstadius for the honor by seven strokes.

“It feels great,” said Sundlof, a sophomore who overcame a wrist injury at the beginning of the year. “We had a lot of team wins, but I wasn’t playing well personally. It’s great to finish off the

year this way.”

Division II was won by California State University-Dominguez Hills for the third time in the past four years, as the Toros recorded a 15-shot victory over Lincoln University. Virginia Union’s Sergio Escalante took Division II Medalist honors with a 54-hole Championship total of 220.

“This tournament is always challenging,” said Toros Head Coach Ron Eastman. “The rankings don’t matter, because everyone plays from the heart.”

Despite starting its golf program eight years ago, the University of Houston-Victoria won its third-straight NAIA title—and a Division record fourth overall—by defeating runner-up Governors State by 12 strokes. The two teams started the day four strokes apart, before Houston-Victoria pulled away. Governors State’s Matt Contey was NAIA medalist with a three-day total of 222.

“It was tough competition,” said Houston-Victoria Head Coach Christi Cano. “We had to grind it out for our victory today.”

For the second straight year, the Men’s Individual title was won by the University of Connecticut’s Nabeel Kahn, who overcame a rusty start to the Championship for a 2-under par final round 70 (75-70-70 215) to win by 12 strokes over both Palm Beach Atlantic’s Siyan Liu and West Florida’s Joseph Stills. “Any win is a good feeling,” said Khan. “I started rough on the first day. It wasn’t like an outright win. It was grit.”

The Women’s Individual prize was earned by St. John’s (N.Y.) University sophomore Linda Wang (72-73-73 218), who defeated runner-up Rachele Orme of Savannah State by nine strokes.

In a weather-related quirk designed to get ahead of the heavy rains forecasted to arrive from Mother Nature on Mother’s Day, the final round actually began on Saturday, as the teams played 27 holes overall, including the first nine holes of the Championship’s final stanza. The final nine holes were completed on Sunday morning in slightly rainy and muggy conditions.